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### Eight Beaches

Goal: Port Elgin to Kincardine  
Distance: 110 km out-and-back  
Surface: Paved except for a 3 km stretch at Bruceale Conservation Area  
Caution: South of Port Elgin is a 1 km stretch along busy Hwy 21



Along the coast of Lake Huron this route links a trove of beaches, each with its own virtue.

Port Elgin's beach is delightfully animated with a carnival four times a week and a flea market on Wednesdays. In contrast, the strand at Goble's Grove is quiet and peaceful. MacGregor Point Provincial Park has a playground on its main beach and a chain of coves linked by forested trail. (Day-use fee applies.) You can look for turtles and herons at the wetland of Bruceale Conservation Area and enjoy the swimming hole, playground and picnic area at its south end.

Now brace yourself. What looms into view is the monstrous plant of Bruce Nuclear Power Development. The rocky beach of Baie du Dore lies adjacent with its abandoned wharf. Here also is a wind farm with 13 turbines all humming when the wind blows. Energy exhibits can be seen at the BNPD Visitor Centre on Bruce Rd 20.

Next up is Inverhuron Provincial Park with its spectacular stretch of soft, white sand. (Day-use fee applies.) Just outside the park is a convenience store and restaurant, while nearby Tiverton offers pub grub, ice cream and great fudge.

At Stoney Island Conservation Area you can follow hard-packed trails to a smooth stone beach. Then into Kincardine you're led along the town's main drag. Stop for a bite then head down to the beach, strut the boardwalk, and if you haven't already done so, take a dip!

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### Lighthouses South

Goal: Kincardine to Point Clark and Ripley  
Distance: 55 km loop  
Surface: Paved road



This ride features the shoreline of Lake Huron; it offers intriguing beaches, inspiring communities, and a couple of lighthouses.

The Kincardine Lighthouse, an octagonal wooden tower built into the harbour hillside, features a marine museum. The adjacent beach has a boardwalk with interpretive signs on local shipwrecks. Saturday nights watch the Kincardine Pipe Band, marching down Main Street.

Heading south, from Kincardine to Poplar Beach. En route lies Boiler Beach with its namesake old shipwreck visible off shore.

The route's second half climbs to the top of a ridge about half-6-km inland, and runs along its crest all the way to Lurgan, at the mouth of the Pine River.

The Point Clark Lighthouse was built in 1859, visit the museum and climb to the top of the 26.5-m-high limestone tower. On a calm day you can actually see the dangerous shoals under water. Lake freighters have to navigate around it.

The Ripley loop crosses numerous tributaries of the Pine and Penetangore rivers. You'll have the wind at your back heading out. The road is smooth, the going is fast, and the small community makes for a delightful destination.



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### Saugeen River

Goal: Port Elgin to Paisley  
Distance: 45 km loop  
Surface: Paved with exception to a 6 km gravel stretch



Tracing the course of the meandering Saugeen River from Port Elgin to Paisley, this route runs on paved roads on the river's east side and gravel roads on its west. The gravel roads are well maintained and hard-packed; any hybrid will do. Traffic is minimal except on Bruce Rd 3, which gets cottage country volume heading north on Fridays and south on Sundays. It has broad shoulders but a quieter option via Lockerby is also provided.

Between September and November, Smith's Apples and Farm Market is open with apple and maple products, and even activities for the kids. Dunblane Historical Church is one of the oldest churches in Bruce County, built in 1859. Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area is a beautiful, photogenic park on the river where sunlight streams through the trees and eagles soar overhead. Also of note is an old schoolhouse where renowned artist David Milne taught in the early 1900s.

At Paisley, where the Saugeen meets the Teeswater River, you've got your pick of restaurants. Enjoy a walking tour of heritage sites or tour the many galleries. Visit the Treasure Chest Museum, drop in to Thorncrest Outfitters, camp at Rotary Park and walk riverside trails.

Back in Port Elgin, top off the day by watching the sunset from the beach. You might even be able to catch a concert at the band shell.



### Mountain Biking

Off-road riding possibilities are aplenty for all levels of riders:

- A Bruce Peninsula Mountain Bike Adventure Park - Bruce County's premier off-road riding location, this bike park features roller coaster-like boardwalks, teeter-totters, steeps, rock gardens and a whack of other creative challenges, all spread out amidst a ram-bunctious 20 km network of looped singletrack.
- B Brant Tract - Presents 30 km of entry-level singletrack, all well-marked and mapped. Ideal for families, the trails are smooth without root or rock obstacles, and the grade is easy with never more than 15-degree slope up or down.
- C Carrick Tract - This 8 km trail network flows into hollows, across slopes and over ridges, all on the big belly of a wooded moraine.
- D Lindsay Tract - North of Lion's Head, the Lindsay Tract is a new trail network being developed, presently with 8 km of easy single-track through forest, past a couple of small lakes
- E MacGregor Point Provincial Park - On the shore of Lake Huron, this park offers families 15 km of easy trails through woods, across wetland and along the lakeshore to sandy coves.
- F Inverhuron Bike Park - Opened in August 2008, this new fat-tire playground offers drops, dirt jumps and freeride features.
- G Saugeen Rail Trail - This 7-km-long rail trail runs from Southampton to Port Elgin, and then beyond. For more information see Tour #7 Beach 2 Beach.
- H Georgian Bluffs Trail - From Owen Sound to Park Head, this 17-km-long rail-trail crawls up the Niagara Escarpment with views of Georgian Bay.

In addition, there are numerous local multi-use trails in communities including Walkerton (6 km), Chesley (4 km), Kincardine (22 km), Paisley (6 km) and Hanover (11 km).



Point of Interest	Cycling Routes
Art/Craft Shop/Gallery	Beach 2 Beach
Beach	Beach 2 Beach alternate
Bike Shop	Beer 2 Beer
Community Trail	Coast 2 Coast
Conservation Area	Coast 2 Coast alternate
Eatery	Eight Beaches
Hospital	Escarpment
Lighthouse	First Nations
Off-road Riding	First Nations lighthouse extension
Park	Greenock Swamp
Provincial Park	Greenock Swamp alternate
Rural Garden	Lighthouses North
Point of Interest	Lighthouses North Extension
Waterfall	Lighthouses South
Wetland	Lighthouses South alternate
	Mountain Biking
	Nine Mills
	Saugeen River
	Saugeen River alternate
	Seven Lakes
	Seven Lakes alternate
	Waterfalls
	Waterfalls alternate
	Waterfalls, Bay2Bay
	Waterfalls, Loop Ext

### Legend

- Ferry
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Municipal Road
- National / Provincial Park
- Body of Water
- Wetland

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### Nine Mills

Goal: Paisley to Williamsford and Welbeck  
Distance: 100 km loop  
Surface: Mostly paved, there are a few gravel in the further reaches



This century ride features a tour of century-old mills in Mennonite country. You'll be sharing the road with horse and buggy while visiting these charming historic landmarks and community icons.

The route begins in Paisley at Nature's Millworks - also known as Stark's Mill - which stands five stories high and is probably Ontario's tallest wooden mill. Built in 1885, today it is home to an art gallery and craft shop today. Three other mills in Paisley lie at the confluence of the Teeswater and Saugeen rivers, at the intersection of Queen and Goldie streets. They are now the establishments of Back Eddies, Paisley Architectural Millworks and Cowan Canoes.

Chesley has two mills - McClure's Mill, now used for storage, and Chesley Mill, which has been converted into apartments. Nearby, the Scone Mill has been renovated into the funkiest of bicycle shops in addition to an art gallery and garden centre.

The 1858-built Williamsford Mill has undergone significant renovations as well. Today the old flourmill is being used as a restaurant, and as a producer of electricity that feeds into the provincial power grid. Also in the neighbourhood is the Williamsford Pie Company - if you want to appease your sweet tooth.

Lastly, there's the Welbeck Sawmill, the youngest mill of the lot. Built in 1984, it's a replica of the old sawmill that once stood in its place and sports a hardware store.

As for the ride itself, expect quiet country roads, light rollers, and probable bugs around the wetlands near Crawford. Don't forget your camera.



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### Greenock Swamp

Goal: Paisley to Greenock Swamp  
Distance: 63 km loop with shorter options  
Surface: Paved except east-west running roads, which are gravel



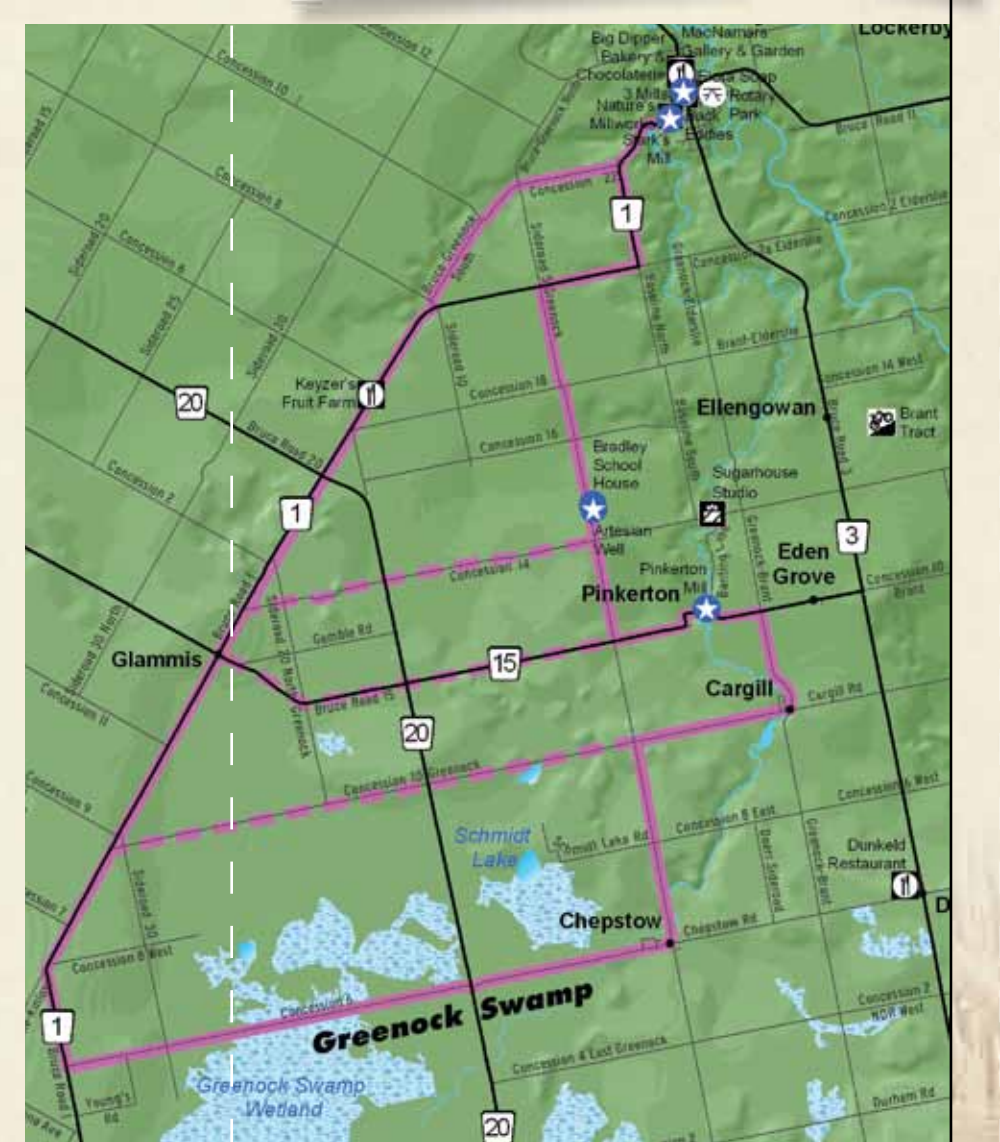
From Paisley this route runs south to the Greenock Swamp Complex - Ontario's largest forested wetland. Here, lush mature maples form a canopy over the road, making it particularly gorgeous in fall. Heading out of Paisley, Nature's Millworks (Stark's Mill) marks the first of many crossings over the Teeswater River. Beyond it lie pastureland and the treed fields of Keyzer's Fruit Farm. At Glammis the road dips into the woods then climbs to a flat expanse that rides fast when the wind is right.

Reaching the swamp complex at Concession 6 you're immersed in cool shade. Thick trees with enormous branches grow in open water on either side of the road. Vast stands of white pine were once harvested from the swamp with the construction of canals and even a railway.

The terrain becomes hilly approaching Chesport. In this hamlet you can enjoy lunch in a glass enclosed dining area overlooking a millpond at the King Eddy Inn. An alternative site for a bite is the Dunkeld Restaurant, 5 km east.

Hills continue to the north. Roads drop into communities and climb back out with a view. First at Cargill, where there's a lovely park beside a pond, and again at Pinkerton with its old mill and collection of century-old buildings including a church and antique shop in a former general store.

Sugarhouse Studio on Concession 14 provides an excuse for a pretty side trip. Ahead lie the Bradley School House and an artesian well where water springs from a pipe in the ground. There's another old school house on Bruce Rd 1, then a grand climb before coasting down into Paisley.



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### Beer 2 Beer

Goal: Walkerton to Hanover, Neustadt, Midway and Formosa  
Distance: 60 km  
Surface: Paved  
Caution: Community main streets can be busy; ride with care

The charm of small town Ontario is featured in this loop, linking five intriguing communities and two long-established breweries. Old stone heritage buildings, antique shops, art galleries, mom-and-pop restaurants, parks and trails all add to the essence of the journey. As each community lies in a valley, you'll be gliding in and climbing out.

Start in Walkerton, the county seat of Bruce County, following its main street through the well-developed downtown core. Riverbend Park on the Saugeen River has the remnants of the mill that spanned the town's settlement. Heading south on Sideroad 15, look to the right for a terrific view of town.

Hanover has 11 km of trails in the Saugeen River Valley. To explore downtown simply continue north 1 km past the hospital to 10th Street - where the action is. South of town is the Saugeen Valley Headquarters with parkland, trails and ducks and geese galore.

Onwards to Neustadt, hold your line; there's a steady stream of traffic on Grey Rd 10. In the village, Neustadt Springs Brewery is a big stone building with a licensed summer patio. Tours of its underground springs and manmade caverns are offered on weekends.

The road to Midway presents one hill after another. The village is known for the Cheese Haus, and for great butter tarts at Harley's Pub and Perk. It also has the county's first and oldest Home Hardware store.

At Formosa, a big Catholic church stands on top of a hill while the Formosa Brewery lies at the valley bottom. Picnic in the park beside Formosa Creek, browse Oberle's General Store, built in 1866, and prepare for a final grunt of a climb on the way out.

